FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **\$790**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Using Derivation of State or Local Government in Mailings

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 16-17-447 so as to provide that no person in any document delivered to a consumer by mail or other form of delivery soliciting the sale of some type of service or product may use a derivation of the name of a state or local governmental entity in the document which a reasonable person would assume is an official document from that governmental entity requiring action on the consumer's part, and to provide penalties for violations.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

A review of this Bill indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Enactment should have little or no impact on local expenditures.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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